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SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

The British India Steam Navigation Company (*Limited*), under contract with Government, despatch steamers as above with mails, passengers, and cargo, every fourteen days.

The steam-ship "Asia," 1,579 Tons, 250 H. P., Commander J. Paterson, will be despatched on Tuesday the 8th June at noon.

	June.		June.
Leave Bombay	8	Leave Madras	20
„ Carwar	10	„ Coconada	22
„ Vizagapatam	12	„ Narrakal	24
„ Tuticorin	14	„ Bimlipatam	24
„ Colombo	15	„ Gopalpore	25
„ Galle	17	„ False Point	26
„ Negapatam	17	Arrive Calcutta	27
„ Pondicherry	18		

During the S. W. Monsoon, viz., from the beginning of June to end of August, the steamers do not communicate with the ports of Mangalore, Cannanore, Calicut and Cochin; but passengers for those ports and the Neilgherries may be landed at Naraikal, six miles north of Cochin, from whence they may proceed by back water to stations on the Madras Railway.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging cargo and passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

The British India Steam Navigation Company (*Limited*), under mail contract with Government, will despatch a steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

The steam-ship "Abyssinia," 1,129 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. Templeton, will be despatched on Saturday, the 29th May, at 4 P.M.

	Up. May.		Down. June.
Leave Bombay	29	Leave Bussorah	18
„	June.	„ Fao	18
„ Kurrachee	2	„ Bushire	22
„ Guadur	3	„ Lingah	24
„ Muscat	6	„ Bunder Abbas	26
„ Bunder Abbas	8	„ Muscat	28
„ Lingah	9	„ Guadur	30
„ Bushire	12		July.
„ Fao	13	„ Kurrachee	3
Arrive Bussorah	14	Arrive Bombay	6

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

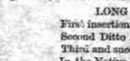
W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

The British India Steam Navigation Company (*Limited*), under mail contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

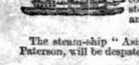
W. NICOL & Co., Agents.



THE well known first class Steamer "Phlox," Baker, Commander, will leave Bombay for the under noted places every Tuesday, taking Goods and Passengers, starting from the Apollo Bunder at 4 P.M., viz :—

Hurnee. Jeytapoor. Vingorla.
Unjunwell. Malwan. Goa.
Ratnagherry.

For Freight or Passage apply to Nusserwanjee Kersasjee, Manager, Bazaar Gate Street, and for Charter, to J. Dixon, Rampart Row.



STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government)—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders :—

Fares from Bombay to	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Oorun.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	0 3	0 3	0 4	0 4
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 9

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Apollo Street, Bombay, 5th November 1867.

BROACH, GOGO, AND BHOWNUGGUR FERRY.

STEAM FERRY (under Contract with Government.) A Steam Ferry Boat plies daily between Broach, Gogo, and Bhownuggur.

Fares from Broach.	To Gogo.	To Bhownuggur.
First Class	Rs. 5 0	Rs. 7 0
Second Class	„ 3 8	„ 4 0
Deck	„ 1 8	„ 2 0
Horses	„ 4 0	„ 5 0
Carriages	„ 4 0	„ 5 0

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the undermentioned Agents :—

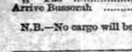
FURDOONJEE JEEWANJEE, at Broach.
RUPTI ALL PERMANANDASS, Gogo.
PURBHASHUNKER GOVREESHUNKER, Bhownuggur, or to the undersigned at Bombay,

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Church Street, Bombay, 12th January 1869.

FOR LONDON via HAVRE.

(With quick despatch.)



THE iron clipper ship "Pembroke Castle," 1,171 tons register, S. Ogilvie, Commander. For freight or passage apply to W. NICOL & Co., Agents ship "Pembroke Castle."

Bombay, 11th May, 1869.

SUEZ CANAL.—The undersigned are authorised to book Goods through the Canal from Suez to Port Said.

Trains of Goods Lighters leave Suez every five days, arriving at Port Said about four days later.

Goods conveyed direct from the Steamers in Suez Roads to the Steamers in Port Said Harbour without landing.

Rate per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes, 25.

The Passenger Boats from Suez to Ismailia have been discontinued until the opening of the entire Maritime Canal.

Homeward Passengers desirous of visiting the Canal must proceed from Suez by the New Railway to Ismailia, whence the journey by the Maritime Canal to Port Said occupies about 14 hours and the fare is 20 frs.

For all information respecting Steamers calling at Port Said, or other matters connected with the Canal, apply to

BLACKWELL & Co.,
Transit Agents of the Suez Canal Company.

NOTICES.

STREET'S INDIAN and COLONIAL MERCANTILE DIRECTORY.

For sale, at this Office, Street's Indian and Colonial Directory, price Rs. 12-8, giving names and addresses of merchants, professional men, and shopkeepers in all the principal towns of India, Ceylon, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, South Africa, Canada, British Columbia, South and Central America, West Indies, Mediterranean, and Great Britain, and also names of consuls, trade returns, customs' tariffs, means of communication, and other information regarding the above mentioned places invaluable to merchants.

"Bombay Gazette" Office, May 11.

ROYAL BANK of INDIA (in Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the shareholders of this Bank will be held in the Bank's office, No. 33 Meadow Street, on Wednesday the 26th day of May 1869, at 2 o'clock P.M., when the Liquidators will submit their report, together with statements of accounts for the periods ending 31st May 1868 and 31st March 1869.

The Liquidators will also take the sense of the meeting as to the propriety or otherwise of enforcing payments of calls due on forfeited shares.

SADANUND BALCRISHNA,
Manager to the Liquidators.

Bombay, 4th May, 1869.

BOMBAY, BARODA, & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

OPENING OF GRANT ROAD NEW STATION.

ALTERATION OF TRAINS AND FARES.

On and after June 1st the Grant Road New Station will be opened, and the temporary station, situated at Bellasis Road, will be closed. On the same day an alteration will take place in the running of trains. The rates for ordinary and periodical tickets between Bandora and Bombay and intermediate stations will also be altered. For full particulars see the Company's Time Tables exhibited at stations.

J. R. DUXBURY,
Traffic Manager.

General Offices, Bombay, 25th May, 1869.

WROUGHT IRON GIRDERS.—The undersigned offer for sale, to arrive in July, 24 Wrought Iron Girders, each 33 feet long, 21 inches deep, 72 inches over flanges; Web Plates, 1 inch; Angle Irons, 3½ inch; Channel Iron Stiffening Plates, 8 inches by 3 inches—weight about 33 cwt. each. Plans can be seen and further information obtained on application.

Just arrived, and now being landed, a small supply of No. 16 Gauge Galvanised Corrugated Iron Sheets.

Galvanised Corrugated Iron, No. 24 Gauge. Price Rs. 11 per cwt., cash.

Cast Iron Pipes, 1 to 12 inches diameter.
Bar Iron Plate and Street Iron.
Steel and Files.
Engineer's and Contractor's Tools.
Estimates given for every description of Iron Work and Machinery.

W. NICOL & Co.

Metal Mart, Borce Bunder, 12th May, 1869.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £45, 2nd class £25. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £64 10s., 2nd class £37 5s. } of Wines.

Steamers will leave Bombay on every alternate Wednesday commencing on 10th March.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; and Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship "Neera," 2,200 tons, Captain Hanscom, will be despatched about 2nd June.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA MERCHANT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The General Meeting of Shareholders of this Company, advertised to be held this day at 3 P.M., is postponed till further notice.

MUNCHERJEE C. RUTNAGUR, Manager.

Bombay, 26th May, 1869.

MONSOON SUPPLIES.

TO RESIDENTS IN THE MOFUSSIL.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited),

In reminding their outstation constituents of the near approach of the monsoon season, request attention to the advantages offered by their present system of

LIBERAL REDUCTIONS FOR CASH PAYMENT.

To prevent misapprehension, they take occasion to explain that their

CASH RATES

must be understood to apply only to transactions in which;—in the case of Local constituents, cash is paid upon order or delivery; and, in the case of Post orders remittance in full (covering, packing and other expenses), accompanies order: enquiries respecting such expenses meet immediate attention.

DISCOUNTS ALLOWED ON MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

On sums exceeding ten Rupees 5 per cent;
on sums exceeding fifty Rupees 10 per cent.

Particular attention is invited to the

PURVEYING DEPARTMENT,

which is kept replete with the freshest stores received by

EVERY OVERLAND MAIL,

an arrangement by which their extensive business enabling them to carry it out thoroughly, they can confidently

GUARANTEE THE FRESHNESS OF ALL STORES.

GAME AND POULTRY.

Received by Overland Mail.

	Cash. Rs. a.	Credit. Rs. a.
Duck and Green Peas, in tins of 1 lb. ...	each 1 8	1 12
Fowl, Boiled „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 8	1 12
Fowl, Roast „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 8	1 12
Grouse, Roast, in tins containing 1 bird ...	„ 3 0	3 8
Hare, Jugged, in tins of 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4
Hare, Roast „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4
Hare, Stewed „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4
Partridge, Roast, in tins containing 1 bird ...	„ 2 8	3 0
Pheasant, Roast „ 1 bird ...	„ 5 0	5 12
Rabbit, Stewed, in tins containing 1 lb. ...	„ 1 0	1 4
Rabbit, Stewed with Onions „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 2	1 6
Venison, Cutlets, in tins containing 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4
Venison, Hashed „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4
Venison, Roast „ 1 lb. ...	„ 1 1	1 4

FRENCH GAME.

Preserved with Truffles.

Goose Liver (Foie Gras) entire ...	each	4 8	5 0
Larks (Allouettes), in tins of 1 lb. ...	„	3 0	3 8
Partridge (Perdreaux) „ ...	„	3 0	3 8
Plover (Pluviers) „ ...	„	3 0	3 8
Rabbit (Lapin en Gibelotte) „ ...	„	3 0	3 8
Woodcock (Becasses) „ ...	„	3 0	3 8
Garniture Financiere (Mixed Mushroom, Truffles with Cocks' Combs) ...	„	5 0	5 12

FRENCH PATES.

The Company are sole Agents for the delicious Patés, Preserved Game, and Meats of Messrs. Dissard Et Cie, by far the Finest Imported, and selected expressly for this Market.

PATES WITHOUT TRUFFLES.

Chicken (Pate de Volaille), in tins ...	each	3 4	3 12
Duck's Liver (Pate de Foie de Canard), in tins ...	„		
Goose Liver (Pate de Foie Gras) ...	„		
Hare (Pate de Lievre)... ...	„		
Larks (Pate d'Alouettes) ...	„		
Partridge (Pate de Perdreaux)...	„		
Quail (Pate de Cailles) ...	„		
Kingdove (Pate de Palombe) ...	„		
Snipe (Pate de Becassines) ...	„		
Thrush (Pate de Grives) ...	„		
Woodcock (Pate de Becasses) ...	„		

EXTRA TRUFFLED PATES.

Hare (Paté de Lievre Truffé) in tins of 1 lb. each			
Larks (Paté d'Allouettes Truffé)	„		
Partridge (Paté de Perdreaux Truffé)	„	4 0	4 8
Ringdove (Paté de Palombe Truffé)	„		
Snipe (Paté de Becassines Truffé)	„		
Woodcock (Paté de Bécasses Truffé)	„		

POTTED FISH AND MEATS.

POTTED FISH.

Anchovy Paste	each	0 14	1 0
Bloater Paste	„	0 12	0 14
Crab Pounded	„	0 12	0 14
Lobster	„	0 14	1 0
Salmon	„	0 14	1 0
Assorted ... ...per doz.		9 8	10 8

POTTED MEATS.

Beef	each	0 12	0 14
Game	„	0 14	1 0
Ham and Chicken	„	0 12	0 14
Strasbourg Meats	„	0 12	0 14
Assorted ... ...per doz.		9 8	10 8

YORKSHIRE PIES.

Game Pie, Truffled	each	2 12	3 0
Do. Yorkshire	„	2 12	3 0
Pork Pie	„	2 2	2 12
Veal and Ham Pie, Truffled	„	2 4	2 12

SAUSAGES.

Specially prepared for this Company by Messrs Barnes and Co., Purveyors to the P. & O. S. N. Company.

Bologna Real	each	2 4	2 12
Do. ... ...per doz.		26 8	28 8
Cambridge, in tins of 1 lb. ...	each	1 4	1 8
Do. „ ... ...per doz.		14 8	16 8
Oxford, „	each	2 8	2 14
Do. „ ... ...per doz.		29 0	33 0
Oxford, Truffled „	each	2 10	3 0
Do. „ ... ...per doz.		30 0	34 0
French, Extra truffled, „	each	3 12	3 4
Do. „ ... ...per doz.		33 0	36 0

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

P. GRANT and SON,
SADDLERS and HARNESS MAKERS.
No. 9, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay.

THOMPSON and COMPANY.
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
Opposite the Secretariate,
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From the late firm of
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PRESCRIPTIONS.

Every care and attention is given to this Department of our business, and being under our personal superintendence, Physicians and Patients may rely on all articles being supplied of the best quality, and prepared with exactness and uniformity.

MEDICINE CHESTS IN GREAT VARIETY.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS CAREFULLY REFILLED.

Messrs. Thompson & Co. devote particular attention to Ships' Medicine Chests, and will, at any time, send on Board a competent party to have the Chest examined, free of charge.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Hair Brushes.	Flesh Gloves.
Nail Brushes.	Chest Expanders.
Tooth Brushes.	Eau de Cologne.
Combs.	Violet Powder.
Corn Plasters.	Feeding Bottles.
Perfumery.	Court Plaster.
Sponges.	Filters.
Sponge Bags.	

AND A LARGE STOCK OF OTHER SUNDRIES.

PIPES, TOBACCO, CHEROOTS.

Orders from Outstations, accompanied by a Bombay reference, will receive every care and attention.

THOMPSON & Co.

ST. ANDREW'S LIBRARY.
THACKER, VINING, Co.

NEW AND OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED MAY 24.

	Rs. a.
Ouseley on Counterpoint Coun and Figure.....	10 0
Doubles and Quits, 2 vols. ...	13 4
Baring Gould's Curious Myths of Middle Ages, cheap edn...	3 12
Help's Life of Pizarro ...	3 12
Besant's Elementary Conic Sections ...	3 12
The Illustrated Bible and New Testament, morocco ...	23 0
Alford's Revised New Testament ...	3 12
Elliott's History of India, vol. 2.....	11 4
French's Shakespeare's Genealogies ...	9 8
Longmore's Treatise on Ambulances ...	3 4
Murray's Knapsack Guide to the Tyrol ...	3 12
Burke's Peerage, 1869 ...	25 12
Maldon on Contracts, by Cave.....	23 12
Les Arts du Moyen Age et de la Renaissance, beautifully illustrated ...	22 8
Museums on Fire Diseases ...	7 12
Tilt's Uterine Therapeutics ...	3 12
Argyll's Reign of Law.....	3 12
Goubaut's Book of Guipure work.....	4 4
Carlyle's French Revolution, 3 vols., new edition ...	17 0
——— Sartor Resortus ...	4 12
Dwyer on Seats and Saddles, Bits and Bitting ...	4 12
Barnes's Happy Thoughts... ...	1 8
Arber's English Reprints, Puttenham ...	1 8
Gouffe's Household Cookery Book ...	13 12
Book of the Thames, Photographically Illustrated ...	18 4
The House I live in	1 8
Aspen Court, by Shirley Brooks ...	1 8
Arabian Nights, Chandos' edition ...	0 10
Handy Volume Shakespeare, cloth ...	13 4
Do. do. morocco...	40 0
Mayhew's Illustrated Horse Doctor.....	11 8
Mrs. Brown in London	0 10
Hugh Miller's Works, New edition, each vol. ...	3 4
Wilson's Tales of the Borders, each vol. ...	0 10
Rackman's Gothic Architecture ...	13 4
Smith's Law of Contracts.....	10 0
Dante's Inferno, Illustrated by Doré, half morocco ...	50 0
Hymns Ancient and Modern, and Appendix, Small edition morocco	2 4
Do. do. larger type, morocco.....	3 12
Do. do. with Music, morocco.....	4 4

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CUTLER, PALMER & Co.,
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DEAN LANE, BOMBAY.
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We respectfully solicit the commands of MESSES, GENERAL MERCHANTS, and EUROPEAN RESIDENTS of WESTERN INDIA, to whom from the extensive nature of our business, we can offer better terms than any other House in Bombay. Being importers on the London and Bordeaux Markets and having direct contracts with growers of Champagnes, Sherries, German Wines and Ports, who make up our Wines under our own supervision; we are in the best possible position to offer liberal terms to every class of consumers, whose tastes we have; from our experience of upwards of 50 years exclusive trading in Wines, Spirits, been enabled to arrive at with certainty.

We subjoin our LIST OF SELECTED WINES for this market, and beg to intimate :—

1st. That we cannot execute orders for less than 1 dozen quarts, or 2 dozen pints of either one of them, Liqueurs excepted: these in not less quantities than ½ dozen pints or quarts.

2nd. That our Wines and Spirits are procurable from every respectable General Shopkeeper in Bombay and at Out-stations; they, however, fix their own selling prices for them.

3rd. That our quotations are for delivery from our Godowns, and that we do not take the risk of subsequent breakage.

4th. That our quotations for all Sparkling Wines do not provide for examination of original packed Cases or for the rejection of ullaged or broken bottles likely to be found in such Cases, on arrival, after a long sea voyage. We guarantee each Case to contain its full complement of sound Bottles at time of shipment, but at our prices cannot provide for atmospheric or climatic influences; if our constituents wish us to take this risk, which affects sparkling wine more than any other, we can only do so by adding Rs. 4 per dozen quarts, and Rs. 2½ per dozen pints to our quotations.

CLARETS.

(Our own Brand) per doz.

	Qts.	Pts.
A 1—Chateau Latour or Mouton. Gold Capsule, Labelled & Branded... ... Rs.	30	Rs. 16
No. 1—Chateau Rauzan, Black capsule, do ... ... „	25	„ 14
„ 2—Chateau Leoville, Blue capsule, do ... ... „	22	„ 12
Chateau Palmer, Blue capsule, ... „	22	
„ 3—Chateau Larose, Yellow capsule, do ... „	18-8	„ 10-8
„ 4—Chateau St. Julien, Green capsule, do ... „	17	„ 10
„ 5—Medoc, Red capsule do ... ... „	15-8	„
„ 6—Medoc, White capsule do ... ... „	13-8	
Sauterne, Red capsule, do ... ... „	23	

BURGUNDIES.

Very Choice—RED and WHITE.
(Our own Brand.)

Chambertin, Labelled and Branded ... ... Rs.	32
Nuits, ditto ... ... „	26
Macon, ditto ... ... „	21
Chablis, ditto	22

CHAMPAGNES.

The finest DRY CHAMPAGNES that can be shipped.
(Our own Brand.)

Magnums, Finest Dry ... ... Rs.	74
Finest Dry Sparkling, Gold foil, Labelled & Branded	36 Rs. 19-8
Fine Sparkling, Silver Foil ditto	32 „ 17-8
Good Sparkling, ditto ditto	27 „ 14-8

GERMAN WINES.

(Our own Brand.)

Nonpareil Sparkling Hock and Moselle, Gold foil, Labelled and Branded ... ... Rs.	36 to 19-8
Sparkling Hock and Muscatel Moselle, Silver foil	32 „ 17-8
Moselle, Still, Marcobrunner	34
„ „ Braunberger	25
Hock, „ Johannisberger	42
„ „ Forster Traminer	34
„ „ Rudesheimer	26
„ „ Hochheimer	23

SHERRIES.

Specially selected for tropical consumption.
(Our own Brand.)

	Qts.
Amontillado, very choice and superior... ... ... Rs.	32 0
Amoroso, very choice, full flavored, soft, pale...	28 0
Sherry, No. 1, Green seal, full bodied, light gold colour, nutty and dry	22 0
do. No. 1, Blue seal, very pale and dry...	22 0
do. „ 1, Brown seal, pale and dry	22 0
do. „ 2, Yellow seal, pale and dry, an excellent Dinner Wine	18 0
do. „ 3, White seal, ordinary Dinner Wine... ...	15 0
Marsala, Virgin Pale	15 8
Madeira, East India (one voyage)...	33 8

PORTS.

(Our own Brand.)

	Qts.	Pts.
A 1 quality, Gold seal, an Invalid's Wine, full and fruity. Trade mark ... ... Rs.	30	0
1st quality, Black seal—Desert Wine, mellow ... „	24	14-8
2nd „ Red seal.—a good second quality Wine „	18	9

SPIRITS.

Our Spirits are protected by Patent Trade Mark Capsules and by our Heart-shaped Labels, extensively imitated by our competitors, and we beg our friends and the public will ask for our Trade Mark and Brand when ordering Wines and Spirits, and so prevent fraud.

Cognac, superior, very Old Pale No. 1—Black Capsule... ...Rs.	32
Cognac, superior, Old Pale No. 2.—Yellow capsule ... ... „	28
Cognac, Pale, No. 3—White capsule ... ... „	25
Rum, Superior Old Jamaica, 1st quality ... ... „	22
Gin, London Old Tom, 1st quality ... ... „	23
Whisky, 1st quality, Irish ... ... „	23
„ Scotch... ... ... „	21
Geneva, in flasks (1 dozen in a case) ... ... „	21

LIQUEURS,
OF THE BEST MANUFACTURERS.
The finest: cheap imitations we do not ship.

	Qts.	Pts.
Curacao, finest; Amsterdam, Orange or White... ...Rs.	40	22 0
Maraschino di Zara, best ... ... „	40	22 0
Cherry Brandy, best Copenhagen ... ... „	30	16 0
Orange Bitters (the best) ... ... „	20	

OUR TERMS for Cash Payments, Credit, &c., are as follows :—

DISCOUNTS.—To private Customers we allow 5 per cent. discount off our published quotations for payments made within a month from purchase.

CREDIT.—Three months' credit will be allowed to approved parties, without discount

INTEREST will be charged at 10 per cent. per annum beyond three months.

MESSES, on comparing our quotations with direct London invoices (taking care to add thereto all charges for Agency, Freight, Duty, &c.), will find that Wine, &c. can be supplied them most economically from our Bombay Godowns, while our Stocks will afford as much choice for selection.

TRADERS buying over 30 dozen at any one time are allowed liberal discount and credit.

WE are empowered to receive indents for Carriages of every description from the Manufacturers by special appointment to the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief.

Particulars and illustrations of the above can be obtained at our Offices in Dean Lane.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.

CHATEAU PALMER.—The undersigned have now received their first supply of this excellent Claret which they have protected by their Trade Mark.

Chateau Palmer is a highly esteemed Bordeaux in Europe. Price Rs. 22 per dozen.

CUTLER, PALMER, & Co.

FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned.

Messrs. Thomas Dunkin & Sons' BRANDIES.

Champagne Cognac, in 1 and 3 doz. cases, at	Rs.	22 per doz.
Vieux „ Do.	„	18 „
Cognac „ Do.	„	16 „

RENNIE, SCOVELL & Co.

BASS' ALE,
JUST LANDED.

	Cash Rs. a.	Credit Rs. a.
Bottled by Cameron and Saunders, Pints, per dozen	3 12	4 0
Do. ditto Quarts, per dozen ...	6 4	6 12
Bottled by Stone & Co., Pints, per dozen	4 0	4 4
Do. ditto Imperial Pints, per dozen... ...	4 12	5 4
Do. ditto Quarts, per dozen..	6 8	7 0
Do. ditto Imperial Quarts, per dozen ...	8 8	9 0

N.B.—To Messes and large consumers CONSIDERABLE ECONOMY is effected by the use of the Imperial Bottles.

CHARLES TOVEY & SON,
WINE EXPORTERS,
SOUTHWARK STREET,
LONDON.

MESSRS. OWEN and OKELL,
Agents of the above Firm,
Call attention to the following :

BRANDY.

	Per dozen.
COGNAC, Vintage 1865	Rs 20

CLARETS.

CHARLES TOVEY'S 4	„ 15

SHERRIES.

PALE DRY DINNER	24
AMONTILLADO	„ 28
"THREE CROWNS" SOLERA	„ 44

Detailed Price Current on application.

OWEN and OKELL
Agent for Charles Tovey and Son,
Bombay Presidency.

Agents for Bengal—Messrs. Turner, Morrison, and Co.

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER, &c.

PAYNE and COMPANY.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

WINES IN WOOD.

Particular attention is requested to our Wines in Wood; Messes, Clubs, and the Trade will find it far more economical in consumption to indent upon our stock of these Wines as there are many advantages that the Consumer and Trader derive by laying in a stock of Bulk Wines.

1st.—A Wine thus selected and bottled is secured at a much lower figure than if bought by single dozens.

2nd.—The Wine, imported in bulk, by a sea voyage improves in character and quality.

3rd.—It is a satisfaction to the consumer to know that he has a wine in his Cellar of uniform quality and one that will improve by keeping.

The following Wines, landed from the "British Sovereign" and "Dilhkur," are now in our Godowns, and we shall be happy to see our friends respecting them.

SHERRIES.

No. 1 A.	per Butt of 108 gals.	Rs.	650
No. 2 B.	Do. Do.	„	780
No. 3 C.	Do. Do.	„	850
No. 4 D.	Do. Do.	„	900
No. 5 E.	Do. Do.	„	1099
No. 6 F.	Do. Do.	„	1400

In Hhds No. 3 and No. 5 Rs. 450 and 550 respectively.

PORTS.

1.	.....per pipe	115 Gals. Rs.	750
2.	..... do.	„	900
3.	..... do.	„	1,400

BEER.

Bass's quarts, pints, and Imperial pints.
Rs. 6 per dozen quarts.
„ 5 do. imperial pints.
„ 4 do. pints.

N.B.—The trade supplied on liberal terms.

Guinness's Stout " " " "

Kilderkins, (18 gals.) Season 1869-70, first batch of the new season's Beer.

Beer in Hhds. of season 1869-70. Messes and the Trade should register their orders early if they desired delivery from the first shipments of the season.

WINE LIST.

SHERRIES.

The whole of our Sherries are imported by us direct from Xeres; the following are the Brands we have always in stock :—

Credit.	Mark.	Seal.	Quality & Peculiarity	Cash.
20 0	E		Red—A pale full flavoured Dinner or Luncheon Wine	18 0
20 0	A		Red—Similar quality as above, but much drier	18 0
26 0	C		Red—A Pale, rich flavoured Wine, fine Aroma, particularly suitable as a Dinner Wine	23 0
27 0	1		White—Pale, delicate and nutty Wine possessing great delicacy of flavour, and recommended as a good Dessert Wine	24 0
30 0	2		White—Old natural pale dry Wine extremely mellow and fine, and very dry, quite the Amontillado character	27 0
32 0	β		White—Vino de Pasto, a Wine well known at all the best West-end Clubs in London; a choice, old, delicate, pale and dry Wine ...	29 0
33 0	3		Amontillado, very pale, delicate flavour, very dry and full of aroma. We offer it to the connoisseur who can appreciate the characteristics of a fine Amontillado; very old... ...	30 0
33 0	4		Manzanilla, a pale, old, and elegant Wine, very choice. We offer it to those who can appreciate the extremely delicate flavour and dryness peculiar to this Wine; it will be found an excellent tonic, and invalids may drink it with perfect safety	30 0
36 0			Madeira, fine old choice East India Madeira, full flavoured and good bouquet. We offer it to the connoisseur who can appreciate the character of this Wine, 9 years in bottle...	45 0

PORT.

Imported direct from Oporto, where our Reserves are held they are the sole produce of the Upper Douro.

Credit.		Cash.
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET firm. There was some inquiry for Colaba and Mazagon shares.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Subscribed Capital.	Nomi. of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Rate per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
1,000,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	126
3,140,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1675
3,000,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	570
3,150,000	1,000	all	7½ p.c.	Ditto of Madras	1550
250,000	250	all	6 p. c.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L.& China	300
700,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	200
1,200,000	500	1,200	8 do.	Delhi and London	300
1,000,000	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India	140
500,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	415½

LAND COMPANIES.

1,180,000	3,000	all	Rs. 80	Colaba Land Co.	1475
1,080,000	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elph'st'ne Land	875
2,080,000	1,000	600	„11-14	Do. New	470
2,000,000	1,000	1,200	Nil	Prem Land	80
100,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	860
...	2,000	1,300	Nil	Fort Canning	280

SHIPPING COMPANY.

500,000 | 5,000 | 3,500 | 1,300 | Bombay Ship Co. [..... | 1290

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	218.3.0	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	227
...	£20	196.8.8	do.	Do. New £20 shares	198
...	£100	1,060	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1120
...	£18	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	Par.

PRESS COMPANIES.

40,000	2,000	1,100	200ps	Albert Co. Kurrachee	850
75,000	3,000	850	200do.	Alexandra Press Co.	600
187,500	12,000	11,000	1750ps	Apollo Press Co.	10,000
80,000	2,000	2,000	400do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,300
...	500	500	100do.	Do. New	540
...	1,880	1,880	100do.	Colaba Press Co.	11,300
70,000	2,000	2,000		East India Press Co	1100
237,500	8,500	8,500	1000ps	Fort Press Co.	9750
160,000	2,000	1,800	100ps	Framji Cowasji Press	1160
100,000	6,000	4,000	425 ps	Hydraulic Press Co.	3600
20,000	5,000	2,000	...	Kurrachee Press Co.	800
300,000	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	275
20,000	2,500	2,500	490 ps	Prince of Wales Press	2450
45,000	2,000	750	...	Victoria Press, Madras	950

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

...	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	780
125,000	2,500	all	80	Alliance Spinning	1625
20,000	2,000	all	...	Arkwright	400
500,000	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2900
100,000	1,000	1,000	10 p.c.	Bombay United	1795
...	500	500	12 pc.	Broach Mills	225
160,000	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	1575
150,000	2,000	2,000	300	Great Eastern	1400
250,000	1,000	all	135	Manockji Petit's	985
200,000	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1050
150,000	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1400

MISCELLANEOUS.

...	50	50	5	Mechanics' B'ld'g Co.	36—35
...	2,000	500	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	190
100,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	240—250

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of L'cation.			
1,945,000	500	...	Jan. '66	Bank of Bombay	110
800,000	20	13½		Do. China	3—3½
2,000,000	200	100	May '67	Do. Guzerat	90
1,000,000	150	75	Aug. '67	B'bay Ppr'dency Bk.	28
2,000,000	200	35	Sept. '67	Do. Trdg & B'nkg	20
2,000,000	200	40	Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank	75
1,000,000	250	...	Mar. '68	Central Bank	6
500,000	200	10	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	6
...	200	63	May '67	Royal Bank	13
1,200,000	150	66	Apr. '67	Old Financial	6½

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

1,000,000	5,200	1,750	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	4'0
800,000	3,500	2,200	...	B'bay & Bengal	8. 8. 400
...	3,500	2,111	...	Iron Shipping	10
...	all	...	...	Victoria Spinning	2000
250,000	all	350	300	Bombay Coast...	160—17

CALCUTTA—20TH MAY, 1869.

The market for Government Papers continues firm. 4 per cents. were in demand at Rs. 6-2 discount, only one transaction was reported at this price, others of Rs. 20,000 to 10,000 were at Rs. 6-1 and 6-0 discount. 5 per cents. were bought at Rs. 9-0 premium, and 5½ per cents at Rs. 13-0 premium.

6 per cents. Municipal Debentures sold at Rs. 6-12 premium.

The Directors of the Bank of Bengal, at their weekly meeting, to-day, reduced the rates of Interests and Discounts, one per cent. all round. Two purchases of shares were effected at Rs. 1,635.

The Bank of Calcutta held its first meeting this afternoon under clause 29 of Table A. of the Limited Liability Act X. of 1866; The Directors were elected for the ensuing year. In August next, the half-yearly accounts will be submitted to the shareholders, and it was understood that the profits will enable a fair dividend being declared.

Yesterday and to-day Bonded Warehouse Association shares sold at Rs. 589, inclusive of the dividend.

A good amount of East India Railway Stock was purchased, for an order, at Rs. 240 per £20.

Sales of Goosery Cotton Mills Co.'s shares were made at Rs. 200.

50 shares in the Port Canning Land Investment, &c., Co. sold, to one party, at Rs. 270 each.

A transaction in Central Cachar Tea Co.'s shares took place at Rs. 85.—*Englishman.*

BANK RETURNS.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY, LIMITED.

Statement of the affairs of the Bank, on 22nd May, 1869.

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Proprietors' Capital paid up	50,00,000
General Treasury Balance	87,65,887
Deposits at Head Office	1,55,94,565
Deposits at Branches	16,39,034
Bank Post Bills outstanding	33,734
Reserve	3,616
Undrawn Cash Credits	2,59,100
	Rs. 3,12,95,936

ASSETS.	
Government Securities	18,96,480
Loans at Head Office and Branches on Govt. Securities, Bullion, Goods and Metals	12,15,333
Credit Accounts at do. on Govt. Securities	12,25,567
Bills Discounted and purchased at do.	77,43,669
Dead Stock	4,66,384
Stamps	8,457
Balances with Agents & Correspondents	5,33,541
Overdrafts	34,992
Cash	47,65,887
Cash & Currency Notes at Head Office	83,14,499
Do. do. at Branches	2,51,237
Bullion at H. O. and Branches	18,49,470
	Rs. 3,12,95,936

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ended 18th May, compared with the report for the previous week, yields the following results :—

LIABILITIES.			
Tey. Balance Hd. Office	„	30,24,602	2	11 increase
„	Branches,	„	1,19,655	13	0 increase
Other Deposits		„	10,29,589	15	7 decrease
Bank Post Bills.		„	3,10,307	15	6 increase
ASSETS.					
Loans on Govt. Securities Rs.			81,650	0	0 decrease
Accts. of Credit on do.		„	77,670	7	5 decrease
Mercantile Discounts		„	22,16,578	0	8 increase
Cash, &c., at Hd. Office		„	2,57,267	5	8 increase
„	„ Branches.	„	1,21,301	2	7 increase

MILITARY.

ARRIVAL.—MAY 25.

Burr, Lieutenant, 21st Fusiliers on leave, from Rangoon.
Beddeck, Major, Madras Staff Corps, on sick leave, from Banda.
Mackenzie, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on furlough, from Bengal.
Simons, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on sick leave, from Sea.
Roberts, Captain, Bengal Cavalry, on sick leave, from Mount Abboo.
Peck, Ensign, 56th Regiment, on leave, from Ceylon.
Shewell, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Quarter Master General, on leave, from Poona.
Hough, Major General, H. M. Staff Corps, from Concan.
Steward, Assistant Surgeon, Staff, en route, from Peshawur.

DEPARTURES.—MAY 25.

Teevan, Quarter Master, 11th Hussars, on medical certificate, to England.
Burr, Lieutenant, 21st Fusiliers, on leave, to England.
Holland, Colonel, Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Roberts, Captain, Bengal Cavalry, on furlough, to England.
Hunter, Captain, Royal Artillery, to Rawul Pindee, (Punjaub.)
Lucas, Colonel, Acting Deputy Commissary General, to join, to Poona.
Shewell, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Quarter Master General, on furlough, to England.
Wilson, Captain, Staff Corps, on leave, to Kaira.
Trotter, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on duty, to Bangalore.
Poels, Veterinary Surgeon, Staff, on sick leave, to England.
Bolton, Major, Staff Corps, on leave, to Poona.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—25TH MAY.

London	Cotton	£1 10s. 0d.	per ton.
	Cassy	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 7s. 6d.	„
	Seeds	£1 0s. 0d. Nominal	„
	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 2s. 6d. to £1 5s. 0d.	„
	Wooden Ships „	£1 0s. 0d. to £1 2s. 6d.	„
Liverpool	Myrabolanes & Coir Bundles	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d.	„
	Seeds	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 15s. 0d.	„
	Cotton	£1 2s. 6d. to £1 5s. 0d.	„
Havre	Coffee	£0 15s. 0d.	
Overland	Steamers	£4 0s. 0d.	
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 7 to 8	per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30	per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 3 to 4	p.bale Nominal
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 2 to 2½	per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 12 and Calcutta Port Charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVAL.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
25	Winslow	Labuste	Newport, Jan. 10.

DEPARTURES.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
25	Baroda (s)	Parish	Aden and Suez.
	Phlox (s)	Baker	Malabar Coast & Gon.
	Sattara (s)	Beyts	Malabar Coast and Calcutta.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Ship Springfield, Dwight, to Shanghai.
Ship City of Dublin, Waugh, to Colombo.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Steamer Lord Clyde, to Dutch.
Ship Futtal Maman, to Persian Gulf
Barque Meera Hasein, to Penang and Singapore.

REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.

GUADUR, 25th, 4 P.M.—H. M.'s steamer "Earl Canning" arrived from Jask.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

May 20 Morning Star ..... Weller ..... Glasgow, Sept. 8.
Louise Collet ..... Pienoat ..... Dunkirk, Nov. 29.

DEPARTURES.

May 20 Carpo ..... — ..... —
Tantallon Castle ..... — ..... —

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

May 20, S' nla, (s. s.) ..... Ward ..... Suez.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba—lat. 18° 53′ 30″ N., long. 4h. 51m. 16s. E. Height of Barometer above the sea—37 feet. () Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations on May 22.

Barometer, corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	·722 inches.
Temperature of the Air	84·8 „
Wet Bulb Thermometer	77·0 „
Dew Point	74·2 „
Relative Humidity of Air	71·6 „
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded—8)	3·7 „
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9-30 A.M.) on foll. 24 hrs.	89·8 „
Minimum do. do.	80·5 „
Gen. Direction of Wind. WNW, W. WSW, W.	
Movement in 24 hours	236 miles.

POSTAL NOTICES.

CHINA MAILS.

The Post Office Packets for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong, per P. & O. Company's steamer, will be closed on FRIDAY, the 28th May, at 9 A.M. A packet for late letters will be kept open on payment of the usual fee until 10 A.M. Registered letters will be received until 6 P.M. of the previous day.

Friday	May 28	Friday	July 9
„	June 11	„	„ 23
„	June 25	„	Aug. 6

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The Post Office Packet for Australia, per P. & O. steamers will be closed at 9 A.M. on the following dates; the regulations regarding late and registered letters being the same as those for the China Mail

Friday	June 11	Friday	Sept. 3
„	July 9	„	Oct. 1
„	Aug. 6	„	„ 29

MAILS FOR MAURITIUS, THE CAPE, &c.

The Government of Mauritius having terminated their Contract with the Union Steam Ship Company for the conveyance of Mails between Ceylon and Mauritius, and between Mauritius and Natal, letters, &c., for Mauritius will, in future, be forwarded *viâ* Aden, to be thence conveyed by the French Mail Packets leaving Aden on the 23rd of every month.

As the communication with the Cape of Good Hope and Natal is also thus cut off, all correspondence, addressed to those Colonies, will under instructions be sent in the Mail for London.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATHS.

McCOMBIE—May 25th, in the Fort, Mr. David John McCombie, Pleader High Court, aged 33.

ROBBINS—GEORGE—May 14th, at Schore, Central India, Marion Gertrude, younger daughter of Mr. Frederick Robins, aged 3 years and 10 months; also on the previous evening, Ellen George, Nurse of the above—both of cholera.

MADRAS.

MARRIAGE.

JOHNSON—MacDONALD—May 17th, at St. Stephens, Ootacamund, by the Rev. the Lord Bishop of Madras, assisted by the Rev. O. Dene, M. A., Domestic Chaplain, Rev. William Johnson, C. M. S., to Catherine Austin, the fourth daughter of the late Major General William Pett MacDonald.

DEATH.

POLLARD—May 19th, at Kamptee, Robert Dillon, the infant son of Major C. Pollard, R. E., aged 7 months and 10 days.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

DEATH.

MEDHURST—May 20th, at Jubbulpore, Captain F. E. Medhurst, Her Majesty's 2-12th Regiment.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1869.

THE maiden speech of Lord Lawrence in the House of Peers has been subjected to a forced interpretation calculated to produce an erroneous impression. We are not surprised at the fact. There are minds incapable of understanding, at once, the near and remote political relations of States and unable to perceive, much less comprehend, what may be called political dynamics. They are not to be blamed; it is their misfortune, not their fault. Able to appreciate one set of relations, perhaps two, they are lost if the problem is complex, and fail utterly if they have to consider the play of a variety of forces. In warfare the difference between two kinds of men is strikingly obvious. There are some who can only see what is before them, men who can fight a brigade or division admirably, but who are incompetent to conduct a campaign on a large scale; and there are the men of larger vision and broader powers who take in the whole field of operations, near and remote, simple and complex, certain and contingent, men who do not contemn the distant because it is afar off, but who discern its relations to what is near at hand. It is exactly the same in politics, especially when they concern the moral and physical influences which constitute the mixed relations of States to each other. To one set of observers foreign policy appears to be composed of a series of nearly isolated or only slightly connected actions; but to statesmen the series is bound together, and, it not unfrequently happens in politics, as in war, that the remote exercises a decisive influence on the near.

One great merit of the speech of Lord Lawrence was, it seems, that no allusion whatever was made by the speaker to the position of the Russians in Central Asia; and thence, it is inferred, that our policy in Afghanistan is totally distinct from our policy towards Russia. A more unwarrantable inference was never drawn. The two questions may be distinct, but there is nothing in the remarks of Lord Lawrence to show that they are so. What was the speech about? Our policy with reference to the Afghans. The late Viceroy was asked to state that policy; he was not asked in addition to explain his opinions in regard to the position of the Russians. He could expound his policy without even an allusion to them, and he did so. With true diplomatic tact, readily appreciated in the House of Peers, he said enough and no more; but no Peer, we are sure, would infer from his speech that he considered the position of the Russians to be absolutely without effect, either upon us or the Afghans themselves. The Peers learned, what they wished to learn, that a firm and guarded line of conduct had been pursued at Umballa; they understood the limited nature of an explanatory statement which is a page of history; and they, above all men, would value the reticence which enabled Lord Lawrence to keep to the point and not wander into a large question, not before the House. If the rule were laid down that when you do not refer to a proposition you deny its validity, or when you do not allude to a great influence you ignore its existence, public discussion would become, if not absolutely impossible, at least utterly useless. No doubt when Lord Lawrence is asked to review our relations with the Russian Empire, he will take a broad range, including the Afghan with other sections of the subject. He may not consider the Russians in Central Asia as a formidable foe, but we feel certain that he will not draw a hard and fast line between our relations with the Afghans, or for that matter with the Persians, and our relations with Russia. He will not say they are distinct questions. At all events we will wait until he does say so, and not jump to the conclusion that he sees a complete disjunction, because in a statement, limited to one series of events he did not mention its bearing upon another.

The Russians are in Samarcand and we are asked to believe that this is a matter of indifference having no bearing on the future of British Power in the East. Moreover, those who look upon Russian progress with smiling complacency think that they have strengthened their position by telling us that Russia could not help being there, that she was forced to go from Orenburgh to the old capital of Timour, just as we were forced to go from Calcutta to Lahore. Admit the explanation; it only increases the need for a ceaseless watching, and a just estimate of the new force. If Russia is the victim of circumstances so far, why not farther. If she is an agent of "the Nemesis of civilization," whatever that may mean, what power has she to stop abruptly? And, if she is under an irresistible stress to advance, how great the credulity of those who, recognizing this explanation as valid, yet put their faith in the assertions of Prince Gortschakoff that Russia does not intend to proceed! Fortunately the statesmen of England are not indifferent. They comprehend, indeed they are made to feel, that the extensive movement of Russia in Central Asia tells not only on India, but on the whole Eastern question; and that whenever the Eastern question bursts out again we shall not be able to drain India of European troops to defend Constantinople, but be compelled to devise other modes of counteracting projects still cherished at St. Petersburg. The Russians, themselves, are fully alive to the advantages, they have secured, and the larger advantages not far off; and as for England, it is the part of a wise nation to look facts in the face, and deal with them as courage and prudence dictate. It is the unwise and the credulous who are incapable alike of true insight, and of befitting, timely action.

WERE the Medical Service more strongly reinforced, it might be able to render vast services to this country and to humanity in general. The only hindrances to new discoveries are caused by want of ability, want of method, and want of time. Two of these desiderata can be found by increasing the number of officers; and every increase of education and experiment trains men to accept and employ the method of Bacon, the means on which all science has been formed for the last two centuries. It is painful to reflect how little light has been thrown on medical problems by Indian research. Perhaps it was a greater duty to apply the results of European experience; to stop the ravages of small-pox in the East by careful vaccination, and by rigorous sanatation to lessen the danger of cholera. Yet when we consider the vast opportunities an Indian medical practitioner enjoys, we may well regret that so little has been done. The Pharmacopœia even has received additions rare and seldom from the numerous strange natural productions of the jungles. Were the same patient labour employed as was used by the inventor of Chlorodyne, other new and efficacious curative agents might doubtless be discovered or invented. The native Bheds and obscure quacks of the country towns are in the habit of using drugs whose very names are unknown to Europeans. We are too prone to believe that because the doctors of the country repeat *mantras* and perform mystical ceremonies before administering the cure, the medicine itself must be as absurd and useless as the formulas and antics. Yet every person qualified to judge and having opportunities of observing can give instances of apparently hopeless diseases being cured by fantastic Gossavees, grim Fakirs, and other mountebanks. Any officer who would seize and analyse the drugs and powders contained in the sack which a wandering Bhed carries over his shoulder, would help on a cause as directly connected with the greatest happiness of the greatest number as any in the world. Government would be sure to encourage any medical man who would devote his time and attention to finding out the nature and preparation of the vegetable poisons so skilfully administered by Thugs, and natives in general, who treat murder as one of the fine arts. The means of procuring abortion and miscarriage are thoroughly understood by more than one old midwife in every large town; yet this class of crimes is still very difficult of detection, because the European Magistrates know too little of the direction in which enquiry should be pushed. Fever in all its varieties offers an alluring field of research; yet its causes are hardly better known now than in the days of Scaliger. While the other mysteries which that sage placed among the unknowable—we mean the association of ideas and the causes of the tides—have been brought within the domain of sequence, fever has eluded scientific investigation. Nobody knows what was the cause, or how to prevent, the epidemic fever or ague of Canara. The more curious and repulsive but most interesting diseases of Asiatic countries have hitherto worked their wicked will, uncontrolled by Western treatment. Black leprosy, that horrible ailment which truncates the limbs, fingers, and toes, decaying them till only useless stumps remain, still seizes fresh victims, besides those who receive the curse hereditarily. If Dr. Bhau Dajee has really found out a remedy for this loathsome visitation, the discovery will give him honourable rank with Harvey, Jenner, and Sydenham. Then there is the scarcely less disgusting white leprosy, a cutaneous disease which makes the skin piebald until the peeling has affected the whole body. The habits and gestation of the nefarious guinea-worm might amuse and instruct a generation of minute philosophers. Nobody knows where he comes from; yet he bites his way under the human skin, extending himself to the length of two feet. Mechanical means are at present the only way of extracting him. We have all heard of him as a resident of Abyssinian waters; yet he is well known under the name of "nâru" all along the Ghats from Nassick to Cochin. The time would fail us to mention the varieties of ophthalmia, cataract, and protrusion of the pupil, the scarifications and other diseases of the epidermis, the more dangerous and complex ulcers, tumours, cancers, which in this country afford such splendid occasions for diagnosis as are rarely met with on the other side of Suez.

WE understand that Mr. R. V. Hearn, Solicitor to Government and Public Prosecutor, has been appointed to act as Registrar of the Bombay Diocese, vice Mr. Peile, who resigned.

THE Rev. Mr. Dickins, now Chaplain in charge of stations on the South Western Coast of this Presidency, has been appointed Chaplain of Dharwar, visiting Carwar, Rutnagherry and Dapoolee.

WITH reference to G. O. No. 382 of the 19th inst., Colonel C. B. Fuller, R. A., will hold the rank of Brigadier General whilst acting as Inspector of Royal Artillery.

THE Government of India has decided that in all cases of Warrant Officers holding honorary commissions, the service for furlough, under the Furlough Rules of 1868, may count from date of firs commission, of any description.

THE Government of India is said to have sanctioned a branch railway from Sheagaon to Khangaon, the latter being one of the great cotton marts of Central India.

WE regret to learn of the death, at Jubbulpore, on Thursday last, of Captain F.E. Medhurst, of H. M.'s 2-12th Regiment. Captain Medhrust was in possession of the Burmah medal with clasp, and also of the Indian mutiny medal.

ON Monday afternoon, Mr. White, the Agent for the Sirdars in the Deccan, held the usual annual Durbar at Poona in honour of the Queen's birth-day. In all there were about three hundred and fifty persons present.

THE letter of a "Sorrowing Policy Holder" in the "Indian Daily News" drew the following reply from Mr. C. H. Ogbourne, Manager of the Eastern Branches of the Albert Life Assurance Company:—"The policies of Messrs. Macleod Wylie and William Anderson were purchased by the Company in July, 1861, and January, 1866 respectively, for their relative official surrender values. The statement of your correspondent, that they received back their premia in full, and that Mr. Anderson was thus induced to forego proceedings, &c., is therefore simply untrue."

FROM telegraphic advices received by a Madras contemporary from Vellore, it appears there was an extreme improbability of disaffection being rife among the native troops at that station. A squabble between two Mahomedan sects would seem to have been the original cause of the rumours, which are said to have reached Madras in a very exaggerated form, and obtained too ready credence. It is very properly suggested, however, that the true state of the case should be accurately explained to the public by the prompt publication of the proceedings of the Committee of Enquiry.

THE "Madras Times" asserts that the late Nizam" died for want of proper medical attendance. The disease from which he died (inflammation of the scrotum) is not a very complicated one, and had the Nizam enjoyed the medical skill that is at the service of, the humblest patient in the General Hospital his life would probably have been saved. His native physicians applied their charms and incantations in vain, and the poor Nizam died in great agony. The death of the Nizam is the best possible thing that could have happened for his country's good, but it is sad to hear of a great prince dying for want of that skill that was to have been had in abundance at his palace gates."

THE heat of the weather at Nagpore this year is reported to be quite unprecedented, the thermometer in-doors ranging from 95 to 100 degrees.

WE regret to notice a report from Kamptee that the extreme heat of the weather is beginning to tell fatally on the European troops there, no less than seven deaths having occurred on Wednesday last among the soldiers, through heat-appoplexy. Five of the deceased persons were found dead in their beds.

THE "Central India Times" hears that cholera has made its appearance on the Raepore road, on the borders of the Bhundara and Raepore districts, and that it has broken out in Hoshungabad also. The disease is said to have made fearful ravages at some relief works that were started in Raepore, employing some thousands. As many as one hundred and fifty were attacked in one day, and the whole of the coolies fled the next.

FROM Saugor it is reported that there is a great deal of cholera and small-pox all over the district, and that the heat is frightful.

THE heat in Lucknow is described as having become "really unbearable." On the 19th under the punkah the thermometer stood at 103° and outside 106° at 12 o'clock at night. The Canning College, we observe, has been closed for a month on account of the heat.

THE Hyderabad correspondent of the "Englishman" writes—"The report in the city now is that Sir Salar Jung intends to form a Council of Regency with the aid of some half a dozen noblemen. The plan appears good, but it is doubtful whether it will succeed when it is remembered how general is the dislike to the Minister, and how many are ready to intrigue against him. In Berar the season is said to be the hottest experienced for at least five years."

MR. DAMPIER, we observe, was to move last Saturday in the Bengal Council, for leave to introduce a bill concerning port-dues,—probably to raise them from four to eight annas per ton.

THE Secretary of State for India has intimated to the Madras Government that no change is contemplated by Her Majesty's Government, relative to the execution for capital offences of military prisoners sentenced by courts martial.

THE "Central India Times" believes it is decided that the Berars should be totally severed from the Central Provinces in those administrative relations which at present exist, such as the office of Registrar General of Assurances, Inspector General of Prisons, and Superintendent General of Vaccination.

THE Nagpore Club is to be dissolved in consequence of "the general apathy of late so prevalent in Nagpore in the case of any public institution. The members in fact have become tired of it. This is also one of the many institutions which were inaugurated under the auspices of Sir Richard Temple while Chief Commissioner of these Provinces. It has been in existence for the last five years." "R. I. P."—adds, mournfully, if not very appropriately, the "Central India Times."

ON the occasion of a recent outbreak of cholera in the Morar cantonment, the Maharajah Sindiah promptly placed one of his large garden residences at the disposal of the General Commanding, whereby a considerable number of soldiers and their officers were spared the discomfort of living in tents at a hot season of the year, and in all human probability lives were saved. The special thanks of Government have been communicated to the Maharajah for this act of kindness.

ON glancing over the speculations of the Madras Mail, in a late issue, regarding the new Governor for that Presidency, we notice that that journal sees a probability of the appointment of Sir Richard Temple to the post. This reminds us forcibly of a remark made by Sir Richard when he passed through Nagpore lately, of which we now see the significance. A friend having asked him on the railway platform if on his return from England he would pass through Nagpore, he replied "Probably, not; as I may have to visit Madras."—*Central India Times.*

MR. NICHOLLS, Assistant Commissioner, who has been on a rapid tour of inspection over the distressed tracts to the north of Jubbulpore, has brought back some woful accounts of the condition of the famine-stricken people. It appears many of these have come from Myhere and Rewah, native States, from which our Government would be justified in demanding money in aid of the operations set on foot by us to keep these thousands from death. If Lord Cranbourne, who admires the native style of Government, wants to learn something more of it he should study the moral to which this tale of woe points.—*Jubbulpore Chronicle.*

MR. MARK FRYER, the Government Coal Engineer, has recently been up here (says the "Central India Times") to consult about his coal undertakings. He has got two European bracehead men, and five sets of borers to prove the Chandah coal-fields. The experiment of burning Chandah coal on the G. I. P. Railway was not well reported on; but another larger experiment is to be made under better supervision. Meanwhile ten tons of Chandah coal are on their way to Jubbulpore for trial on the East India Railway engines, which are suited for Indian coals, whereas the G. I. P. R. fire-boxes, &c., are only adapted for English coal.

THE "Delhi Gazette" understands that a correspondence has been opened between the Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Army, and the Secretary to Government, Military Department, concerning the order which inflicts such gross injustice on Regimental Surgeons, in debarring from them the advantages of the Furlough Rules of 1868. Already one step towards rescinding the order has been made. And our contemporary is now more than hopeful that before long the advantages of the new rules will be thrown open as broadly and liberally to regimental medical officers as they are to all others. The case lies in the hands of Dr. Murray and Colonel Norman.

IN October last the Judicial Commissioner of Mysore raised the question as to the propriety of permitting every officer in the Mysore Commission to execute warrants issued by magistrates in British territory. After carefully considering the question in communication with the Madras Government and the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, the Government of India has decided that all processes for ensuring the surrender of British subjects in Mysore territory to Courts of Justices in the presidency of Fort St. George, must be forwarded to the Superintendents of Divisions, who will countersign them, before execution, as officers acting in the service of the power which is governing the country for and in the name of the Maharajah.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SPAIN.

LONDON, 24TH MAY.

It is asserted from Spain that the Cortes will appoint a Regency to-morrow, but they will not discuss the candidature for the throne before October next.

THE VICEROY OF EGYPT.

H. H. the Viceroy of Egypt has arrived at Florence, and has been received by the King.

THE FRENCH DERBY.

PARIS, 23RD MAY.

The following was the result of the French "Derby" to-day:—

Consul	1
Ceriageil	2
Pardour	3

LONDON, 20TH MAY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was steady. Fair Dhollera, to arrive (ship named), 9¼d.

The Bank of England returns for the week ending 19th instant shows the following results :—

Reserve of Notes	£ 7,375,000	Inc.	£ 625,000
Bills discounted	£ 8,625,000	Dec.	£ 750,000
Cash	£16,875,000	Inc.	375,000

At the periodical biddings yesterday for Government Bills on India, £329,000 were allotted to Calcutta, and £21,000 to Madras. The minimum rate fixed was 1s. 10⅜d. Tenders at 1s. 10⅞d. received 89 per cent.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, 21ST MAY.

Total Sales of Cotton	42,000	bales.
„ „ Surats	13,000	„
„ Import of Cotton	52,000	„
„ „ Surats	14,000	„
„ Stock of Cotton	385,000	„
„ „ Surats	66,750	„

Fair Dhollera 9¾d.

The Cotton Market opens quiet, but prices show no change.

LONDON, 21ST MAY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day closed quiet, and prices remain without change.

Fair Dhollera 9¾d.

The Manchester Market is closed on account of a holiday.

LONDON, 22ND MAY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was quiet, and prices were drooping.

Fair Dhollera 9¾d.

Chartered Mercantile Bank Shares, £31-10.

5½ per cent. Government Securities, 109.

Exchange on India, 1s. 11d.

Total coin in Banks of England and France, ... £66,000,000.

„ Notes outstanding ..... £75,750,000.

The *Delhi*, from Southampton, takes out £20,000 in specie for Bombay.

THE Maharajah Dhuleep Singh has been adding considerably to a collection of rare and foreign birds, which he has formed at his seat at Uvedon, Thetford, Norfolk. The Maharajah has also been forming a menagerie, and a herd of antelopes has just been added to it.

DISTRICT LIFE,

BY OUR OWN PROBER.

I.

I AM sorry to say that we barbarous persons, dwellers in the outer jungle, are often in the habit of referring to you of Bombay, as "those Bombay people." It is generally with pity that we talk of you—pity tinged sometimes, I am ashamed to say, with a mustard-seed of contempt. No matter how long a Bombay man may have been in the country, he is always supposed, by many of us, to know nothing of India. Picture to yourself a dirty-looking being, in a flannel shirt and brown unwhisperables, unshaven and unshorn, with a cigar in his mouth, and his feet on the table. Fancy him, after a very nice dinner—a savage replete with venison, boar's head, and other dainties nicely cooked. Imagine him, I say—this untamed man, happy, shaggy, smoky, and drowsy, at peace with the world and his own untidy conscience—an embodied heap of negatives; imagine him in a veil of smoke, disdaining all but his sleepy self. Ask him what he thinks of Bombay, its climate, people, and habits of life. Hear what he will say approximately:—"That Bombay lot!"—this, I fear, contemptuously—"well, I wouldn't change this life for their's, I know. Their climate, did you say? I only spent about a week in it, and of all the unsavoury, damp, hot, stewy places in this sublunary sphere, it's the worst. I don't care what you say. Do you mean to tell me,"—here the brown and muddy legs slip off the table,—"do you mean to tell me that a climate where you can't drink a peg without seeing it come out on the backs of your hands, where you can't take a walk without leaving several pounds of solid flesh on the way, is not a bad one? Eh? If you like to ride in a warm bath composed of a European gentleman, and be melted down in your own boots, go to Bombay—otherwise don't." He will then, this outer barbarian, give you what he calls his "notions" on the people of your city. "Well, the Bombay fellows are not bad on the whole, as far as companionship goes; some of them are talented eaters, and can drink with feeling. The bachelors are very good fellows many of 'em, but they are no good where they have no one to take care of 'em. They sometimes leave their stew-pan and visit the jungles, but only to make painful exhibitions of themselves. I knew one man who came up to me for a week. He wanted to get every kind of sport at once. He said he would like to shoot a tiger or two, but he would never be guilty of climbing a t

BOMBAY.

The following additional passengers sailed yesterday by the P. and O. Co's steamer *Baroda*, Captain A. Parish, for Aden and Suez:—

For Southampton.—Mr. and Mrs. Teevan.

For Suez.—Lieutenant H. M. Mackenzie, and Vet. Surgeon Peett.

Native General Library.—In our report of the annual meeting in connection with this library the donation by the Hon'ble Byramjee Jejeebhoy should have appeared as Rs. 1,100, not Rs. 1,000.

The B. I. S. N. Co's Steamers.—During the S. W. Monsoon, viz., from 29th May to 18th September, the steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company will sail for Kurrachee and the Persian Gulf every Saturday at 4 P.M., instead of every Monday at noon.

Offering Adulterated Cotton.—In the Fort Police Court yesterday, before the Acting Chief Magistrate, Mr. Henry Marshall King applied for a summons against Mooljee, Velljee for offering adulterated cotton for compression, contrary to section VIII. of the Cotton Frauds Act. A summons was granted.

The P. and O. Company's Steam Ship "China," which arrived on Sunday night from China, brought the following passengers:—Mr. G. N. Guy (from Hongkong), Mr. Burrowes (from Melbourne), Mr. L. Cooper (from Calcutta), Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mons. Rivadeneyra (from Galle), Mr. B. Mahomed and Mr. G. H. Mahomed (from Hongkong.)

Theft by a Police Sepoy.—In the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Connon, Bhow Madhew, a police sepoy, was charged with stealing a brass plated bangle, of the value of four annas, the property of Lieutenant-Colonel Hewett. Colonel Hewett and a witness named Sambo gave their evidence; and the prisoner was then sentenced to receive ten stripes.

Furious Buggy-driving.—It is not often that a passenger finds a Bombay buggywallah driving furiously, yet such a case turned up in the Fort Police Court yesterday. Oomra Sing was brought before the Acting Chief Magistrate charged with driving his buggy furiously at the Esplanade that morning, and His Worship imposed a fine of Rs. 3. It may be interesting to those who wish a fast driver, to know that defendant was a young man.

A Juvenile Improvement Society.—A Society under the name of "The Juvenile Improvement Society" has been lately established at the Loharchall Street by some young natives of about 12 and 13 years of age. The object of the Society is to improve the members in English composition and conversation. They read essays, in turn, on different subjects, and each member expresses his views on the subject. The president of the Society is Mr. Shitaram Visram.

The S. S. "Sattara," Captain Beyts, sailed yesterday for the Malabar Coast and Calcutta with the following passengers:—For Carwar—Mr. Mackenzie. For Beypore—Mr. and Mrs Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. South Mr. Herbert, Mr. Haygarth, Mr. Deering, Mr. Salmon, Mr. D. Carson, Rev. E. H. DuBois, Master W. Maidment, Master F. Maidment, Master W. Godfrey, and Mr. Pollock. For Coconada—Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Frazier and three children. For Cochin—Lieutenant H. Trotter, R. E.

Judge Morora Cannoba's Advertisement.—We have been particularly requested by Rao Bahadoor Moroba Cannoba to state, for the information of his caste, that in consequence of a very few applications from widows having been received up to this time, he has been obliged to modify one of the terms of his advertisement. Instead of females between 20 and 35 years of age being qualified to apply, all widows of whatever age may make the necessary application until the evening of the 10th June,—provided they have no children by their former husbands living.—*Indu Prakash.*

Destruction of Trees at Colaba.—In the Fort Police Court yesterday, before the Acting Senior Magistrate, Shaikoo Appa was charged with injuring the property of Government at Colaba on the previous day. Major Charles Heathcote, of the Bombay Staff Corps, Ordnance Department, proved that the prisoner had destroyed the branches of a tree. He was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 10 or suffer imprisonment for fourteen days.—It's a pity, we may add, that some of the goats—or rather their owners—should not be punished for destroying the young trees at the Esplanade.

Lord Napier of Magdala and the Soldiers' Children.—Yesterday (Monday) evening H. E. Lord Napier of Magdala gave another juvenile fete at his residence, in the Civil Lines, to the soldiers' children and their parents, as also to the children of the Catholic Orphanage, and Infant Branch of the Byculla Schools—altogether numbering upwards of 300,—all of whom were plentifully feasted by him, in commemoration of Her Majesty's birthday,—and all of whom, it is needless to say, thoroughly enjoyed His Excellency's kind hospitality. The band of H. M.'s 9th Regt. N. I. were in attendance, and the grounds were thronged by a large number of the station residents—so that the whole scene was very cheerful and animated.—*Poona Observer.*

The Penny Readings at Poona.—The second of these Readings came off on Friday evening last in the Assembly Rooms. It was, if anything, rather more successful than its predecessor; which is according it high praise. The house was well filled. Of soldiers, we were glad to see that there was a large and attentive audience. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Brigadier General Pratt, and most of the heads of departments were present. The programme consisted of three Readings, all of which were excellently delivered, and two of which excited much merriment; and several part songs, as well as an overture (from Zampa) beautifully played on the piano by two ladies. Among the diversions was the introduction of a native mimic, whose imitations of the cries of animals set the audience off in roars of laughter.—*Poona Observer.*

Coroner's Inquests.—During the months of January, February, and March 1869, the Coroner for the Town and Island of Bombay held 99 inquests. The following figures will show the nature of the cases:—

Accidents, &c.

Accidents	5
Burns	3
Corngrinding mill, accident from fracture of the skull.	1
Cutting throat, suicidal, during intoxication	1
Drowning in sea, &c.	14
Explosion of gun-powder	4
Fall from balcony, &c.	10
Falling bale of cotton, &c.	11
Suicide	3
Poisoning	6
Causes unknown	6
Snake bite	1
Thrusting pin between the bones of the head	1
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Natural Causes.

Apoplexy	2
Beri-beri	1
Cholera	4
Consumption	4
Diarrhœa	3
Fever	3
Found, new-born	10
Heart disease	1
Leprosy	1
Old age and Debility	6
Prematurely-born	2
Tetanus	2
Unknown	36

PARSEE DRAMATIC CLUB.

Monday was observed as a holiday in honour of the anniversary of the Queen's birth, and the Gas Company had several illuminations throughout the town in the evening. The members of the Parsee Elphinstone Dramatic Club celebrated the occasion by a performance in the Grant Road Theatre, and a most successful performance it was. There was a good attendance, comprising many Europeans, and the actors were apparently in the best of spirits. We had almost said that the actresses were so also, for really when the high-minded Evadne appeared, and when the sly Olivia came smiling after her, it was difficult at times to dispel the idea that there were not some Italian dames upon the boards. As in Desdemona and other characters Mr. D. N. Wadia played the part of Evadne in excellent style. With a little more care and a little more prudence in the application of the necessary tints, Evadne's beauty would have seemed much more adorned; and with a little less deliberation in the use of her arms, her grace would have been more unmarred. But Evadne's sentiments were well expressed, and the rendering of the part was very good indeed, and was most gratifying to those interested in such efforts as those of this Club. Ludovico was certainly next in order, his part was thoroughly appreciated, and the delivery was well up to the mark. 'The Taming of the Shrew" formed the second piece, and in it Katharine and Petruchio were well represented. The spirit of the play was capitally brought out by the gentlemen in these characters, despite the difficulty as to the voices of the actors being rather weak for so large a room. Baptista, too, did his part well, and Biondello should not be forgot. He was a smart little fellow, and said his say in a fine, free, plucky and natural style. In both pieces, we should say, the company sustained their respective parts in a very credible manner, and were well deserving of the hearty applause they received. We should mention that there was a very good band in attendance. But might we not ask some Parsees to keep their seats till the curtain falls? It is disrespectful to the company to leave just before the close of the last scene; and it is unpleasant for the audience to have such a disturbance.

BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Society was held in its Library Rooms on Thursday, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.

Present.—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Warden, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the chair.

Members.—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lloyd; W. Wedderburn, Esq., C.S.; W. G. Hunter, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P.; T. W. Ward, Esq., F.R.C.S.; The Rev. D. Macpherson, M.A.; Rao Saheb Vishwanath Narayen Mandlik; Dhunjeebhoy Framjee, Esq.; F.D. Chauntrell, Esq.; W. Gray, Esq., M.B.; The Rev. R. Stothert, M.A.; J. E. C. Pryce, Esq., F.R.G.S.; W. M. Wood, Esq.; Thomas Diver, Esq., M.D.; B. M. King, Esq.; Cursetjee Rustomjee Cama, Esq.; Narayen Daji, Esq., G.G.M.C.; Perozshaw Merwanjee Mehta, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law; Atmaram Pandurang, Esq., G.G.M.C.; Javerilall Umiashanker, Esq.; Homejee Cursetjee Dady, Esq.; Cowasjee Manockjee, Esq.; P. F. Gomes, Esq., G.G.M.C.; J. N. Mendonça, Esq., G.G.M.C.; Hormusjee Dadabhoy, Esq.; Dady Manockjee Limjee, Esq.; Balwantrao Venayek Gungadhur Shastri, Esq.; Ramkrishna Gopal Bhandarkar, Esq., M.A.; Babajee Cassinath, Esq.; Harichand Chintamon, Esq.; Pestonjee Muncherjee, Esq., G.G.M.C.; and James Taylor, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and confirmed.

Members Elected.—Edward Walker, Esq., of Messrs. Lyon & Co.; Walter Abraham, Esq., Superintendent Presidency Drawing and Lithographic office; Dr. Geo. B. Beale, H. M.'s ship *Jumna*; Bomanjee Jamasjee, Esq., Assistant Commissioner, Berar; Colonel W. Kendall, R.E., Acting Chief Engineer Presidency Division; His Highness Nawab Joravur Khanjee Bahadoor Babee of Radhanpore in Guzerat; J. S. Hurrell, Esq., Solicitor; and F. W. Doolittle, Esq., M.D., B.A.

Members Proposed.—W. F. Peel, Esq., of Messrs. Peel, Cassels & Co., proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Tucker, President, seconded by James Taylor, Esq., Honorary Secretary; and Dr. A. Wright, Inspector General Indian Medical Department, proposed by Dr. T. B. Johnstone, seconded by Dr. W. G. Hunter.

Presents to the Library.

1. The Historical and Descriptive Introduction to the Temples of Satrunjaya, the celebrated Jain place of Pilgrimage, near Palitana in Kathiawad, by James Burgess, Esq., M.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., Photographed by Sykes and Dwyer. Presented by the author.

2. Apastambo's Dharmasutra, edited, with a translation and notes, by George Bühler, Ph. D., Part I. Presented by the Government of Bombay.

3. Report of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce for the year 1867-68. Presented by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

4. Rivett-Carnac (Harry) Report of the Operations of the Cotton Department for the year 1867. Presented by the author.

5. Report of the Agri-Horticultural Society of Western India from 1st January 1866 to 31st May 1868. Presented by the Society.

6. Haug (Dr. M.) Ueber den Charakter der Pehlewisprache. Presented by the author.

7. Bibliotheca Indica, New Series, No. 155. Presented by the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

8. Journal of the East India Association, vol. II. No. 4, and vol. III. No. 1. Presented by the Association.

To the Museum.

1. A piece of Red Shale with a fossil plant in it from Chorkairee Nagpore—Character of the fundamentary strata—sandstone with a heavy intrusion of trap. Presented by Major J. Ashburner, Deputy Commissioner, Central Provinces.

Rao Saheb Vishwanath Narayen Mandlik then read the following paper:—

SERPENT WORSHIP IN WESTERN INDIA.

THE NAGAPANCHAMI HOLIDAY AS IT IS NOW OBSERVED; SERPENT WORSHIP, THE NAGAS AND SARPAS.

[N.B.—The Sanscrit passages in the text, the diagrams and illustrations, together with the notes, will appear *in extenso* in the Society's journal.]

I propose this day to describe the festival, called the Nagapanchami, as it is celebrated by our people at present; and afterwards I shall submit a few observations, founded on this and other festivals and ceremonies, on what is popularly called snake or serpent worship, and the *Sarpas* and *Nagas* of India.

Nagapanchami is the fifth day of the first or bright half of the lunar month, named Sravana, which generally corresponds with August and September of the Christian year. Sravana is a month in which the Hindus generally have some *vrata* or ceremony to perform every day, and sometimes more than one festival occurs on one and the same day. The fifth day of the month is considered sacred to the *Nagas* or serpents. On this day, early in the morning, each family brings an earthen representation of a serpent, or paints a family of five, seven, or nine serpents with ground sandal-wood or turmeric. (The annexed diagram shows the representation of serpents as they are actually worshipped on this occasion.) The vessels used in performing the worship are, as will be seen, placed in front; and I now show to the members specimens of these vessels made out of the horns of the wild buffalo. Flowers, ground sandal-wood, turmeric, parched rice and beans, or parched gram and jowari (*holcus sorghum*) are offered to the serpents thus painted. Lamps are lighted and waved; incense is offered; and food and fruits are placed before them. On this day, only boiled food is partaken of by the people, and the dishes prepared are generally of a coarser kind than on other holidays. After morning meals, a lamp is generally kept lighted throughout the day by the side of the painting or image, and milk and edibles are also placed close by. In the afternoon, people go to some place, generally an ant-hill where serpents are said by local tradition to reside. Here generally, snake-charmers may be seen with live serpents, to which offerings are made by the multitude. Even in Bombay, these men take snakes round to the houses of the people in the native town, and all classes of the inhabitants amuse themselves by giving them different kinds of edibles. In the evening, flowers and incense are again offered, lights waved, and edibles placed before the image or painting as the case might be, and one or more lamps are kept burning. The worshippers sit generally playing all through the night. This watching is called by some keeping the serpents awake, or rather it is the worshippers keeping up for fear of being bitten by serpents. The worship is generally performed by the female members of the family, and, at the conclusion all the ladies and children gather together, and the eldest or the most intelligent of the former repeats the following story, which professes to embody the popular origin of this worship as it is believed in by the more ignorant of the Hindu community on this side. I give the Marathi narrative, as it is now repeated, in a foot-note. The following is a close English version of the story:—

"The story of the *Nagas*.

"Oh, God! Nagas (serpents)! hear. There is a city (called) Manikpura [or Manipura]. In it lived a Gavada Brahmana. He was ignorant of the Nagapanchami. And he did not know that on that day there should be no ploughing, no digging, no picking and cutting, no burning and roasting. Therefore he went to plough the land in his field on that day as usual. Now, there was in one place in the field a hole of a Nagina (a female serpent); and in it were her young ones, and they died by the striking of the plough. The Nagina (the female serpent) who had gone out, returned, and found that all of her young ones had died. Thereupon she got enraged and set out to ascertain who it was that had killed them. While travelling, she went to the house of the Gavada and saw that blood had stuck to his plough, on seeing which she decided that it was that (the man) who had killed her young ones. She, therefore, bit the Gavada, and all the members of his family who had gone to sleep, and killed them. And in order that his whole family may become extinct she went to bite his daughter who was given [in marriage to a man] in another village. But she (the daughter) had painted the Nagas (serpents), and having worshipped them and given them offerings, had placed before them, at night, frankincense and other fragrant things, lamps, edibles, &c. On seeing this the Nagina enjoyed the things that had been placed there, and being pleased, said to the girl—'Oh, daughter! thy father killed all my young ones to-day, while ploughing the field; having therefore killed all the persons in thy maternal hope, I had come to bite thee, but as thou didst remember me and worship me, I am pleased, (and) therefore, I do not bite thee.' On hearing this, the daughter said, 'Thou hast killed all the persons in my maternal home; tell me some remedy by which they may come to life again.' Thereupon, she (the Nagina) said—'Take this nectar and sprinkle it on their bodies, and thereby they will come to life.' Meanwhile the people of the Gavada's village began to enquire why it was that the Gavada had not yet arisen, and opening his door, found that all the persons in (the house) had died. Just then arrived the daughter of that Gavada, and sprinkling upon them the nectar given by the Nagina (female serpent), restored (them) to life. The daughter then told her father (as follows):—

"'On the Nagapanchami day, while you were ploughing the field, the young ones of the Nagina were killed; thereupon being enraged, she killed all of you and had come to kill me; but as I had painted the Nagas and worshipped them, she became pleased, and it was she who gave me a narrative of what had befallen you; and (I) restored you to life by sprinkling on you the nectar which she had given to me. Now, from this day, when the month of Sravana comes, (you) should worship the Nagas on the fifth day in the Shudha (*i. e.* clear) fortnight, according to the processes laid down, and should place before (them) at night, frankincense, lamps, (and) edibles; and should not dig and should not also kill (anything) on that day.' From that day, he (the Gavada) began to act accordingly; the Nagapanchami became known to all men in the village; and all began to observe the Nagapanchami *vrata* (ceremony). As the Nagas were pleased with the daughter of the Gavada, so may they be pleased with us, (and with) you. Oh, Nagas (serpents) may your story of sixty sentences (abbreviated into and) told in five, be productive of good fruit to the narrator as well as the hearer thereof."

At the time of repeating the above story, the reciter and her female hearers each take a few grains of rice in their hands, and at the conclusion they are partly exchanged and partly stuck to their foreheads.

The worship is generally conducted according to the directions laid down in a work called *Vrataraja* which extracts it from the writing of Hemadri. These last are not now available, except when quoted in more modern treatises. The dialogue is introduced under the names of Isvara, the third of the Hindu triad, and his spouse, Parvati. A king is described in the middle, whom it is not easy to identify from such a broken fragment. The whole passage in the *Vrataraja* runs thus:—

[English translation.]

"Now, the worship of Nagas on the 5th of Sravana Sukla (*i. e.* the fifth day of the 1st or bright half of Sravana), (is thus described by) Hemadri in the Prabhasa-Khanda. Isvara said—Oh, Parvati! in the month of Sravana in the Sukla [or white] fortnight, on the fifth day, the fierce with poisons [*i. e.* serpents] should be written [or painted] with cowdung on both sides of the door;

That day is called the most blessed, not obtainable with ease even by the gods;

Oh, beautiful-faced! This worship of Nagas should be performed on the fifth day for twelve years;

On the fourth (day, *i. e.*, the day preceding) one should dine only once; and on that day (*i. e.* the fifth), food should be taken in the night; so it is said.

Oh, beloved! the Naga (or serpent) should be made of plenty of silver or of gold, or even of wood or of earth;

Or with turmeric or sandal-wood, the five serpents should be painted.

On the fifth, the Nagas (serpents) should be worshipped with devotion; the Nagas are said to have five mouths;

These, five Nagas, oh, warrior! should be worshipped in the proper manner: with fried rice and the five nectars.

With the flowers of oleander (Nerium Odorum); the hundred leaved (Rosa glanduli-fera); the jessamine; and the lotus (Nelumbium Speciosum);

Also with sandal-wood and incenses;

Afterwards Brahmanas should be feasted with ghee (clarified butter), boiled milk mixed with sugar, and sugared balls of (wheat and other kinds of) flour;

Ananta, Vasuki, Sesha, Padmanabha, and Kambala also;

And Karkotaka Naga, Bhujanga, Asvatara;

Also, Dhritarashtra, Sankhapala, Kaliya, Takshaka;

Also Pingala, and Mahanaga; these are worshipped month by month.

At the end of the *vrata* (or ceremony) there should be a *parana* or feast, and dinner, to Brahmanas with sugared milk;

To the Vyasa (*i. e.* the reader of the Puranas) of immeasurable glory, a naga (*i. e.* serpent) of gold, and a cow, and clothes should be given.

In this manner, the Nagas should be always worshipped with devotion, especially on the fifth, with milk and sugared milk.

On that (day) there should be no digging of the earth, by day or by night.

Such is the *vrata* (*i. e.* ceremony) of the Nagapanchami in the Prabhaskhanda."

The above description appears from the frame of it to belong to the post puranika period; and the place which the preceding tradition assigns to the scene of serpent killing, and the retaliation by the mother serpent may be Manipura, (lat. 24° 20', long. 94° 1') a town in Assam, a province where a tribe of mountaineers, named Nagas, is living to this day. Whether Gavada is a corruption of Gaud (a Bengali), or a Canarese Gowda—a patil and cultivator, is also deserving of enquiry.

The account which I have given above is that of the festival as it is observed in the Konkana district, particularly to the south of the island of Bombay. The festival is, however, not confined to a particular portion of Western India. It is general. It is celebrated by all classes and sects of the Hindus; by the orthodox as well as by the heterodox; by the followers of the Vedas, as well as by those who reject the religious authority of those works. The ceremonial differs slightly in different places. In some districts the people observe a fast on the 4th day, *i. e.*, the day preceding the Nagapanchami. It is clear, however, that the festival obtains greater sanctity above the Ghauts than below, except perhaps in Gujaratha and in the province of Kanada (or Canara). In the Sattara and Kollapura districts, the private schools are generally closed on this day; the pupils are bathed, dressed in their holiday attire, and taken in a grand procession to some river, or other watering place outside the town or village. In native States and Principalities, the State and its officers supply richly caparisoned elephants and horses, detachments of infantry and cavalry, and kettle-drums and other instruments of music, on the occasion of these processions. The children wash their slates or rather wooden boards, apply to them chalk or *Sadhu* (a kind of clay), and draw thereon a Naga or serpent.

Some also draw a picture of *Sarasvati*, the goddess of learning. Ordinarily, this deity appears as a beautiful female seated on a peacock; but on this occasion she is represented by a cluster of five, seven, or nine serpents rudely drawn.

This drawing is then worshipped with flowers, parched gram, *jowari*, peas, &c. The children return in a procession to the school, give some present in corn, money, or cloths, according to their means, to their masters; and go to their homes to enjoy the holiday. In the afternoon the women of the inferior classes put on their best clothes and ornaments, and congregate in parties to sing and dance. They generally form circles, and keeping their children in the centre, dance around singing some country songs. In some provinces, the dancing takes place near an ant-hill, or the hollow of an old tree where serpents are believed to live. In some parts of the Dekkan, but on this day I threw little fruits, generally the fruit of Chirphal at each other and at young maidens by means of popguns. Other kinds of sports are also had recourse to. Before sunset, the people generally repair to an ant-hill or some such hollow as has been above referred to, to pay homage to the Naga. if there be a temple of the Naga in the village, everyone of course goes there to perform worship. All afterwards return to their homes, and worship the images or paintings according to circumstances, in the manner previously described.

Battisasirden, a town in the Sattara collectorate, (lat. 16° 57', long. 74° 15') is famous as a place of serpent worship at the present day. Snakes of a certain species (called Nigakuly) said to be not very poisonous are here actually caught on the day of the Nagapanchami, and kept either in earthen pots or covered *Bambu* baskets. They are fed with milk and edibles and worshipped in other respects, like the images and drawings abovementioned. The day after the Nagapanchami they are taken back to the jungles and set free. I will not at this stage offer any conjecture as to whether this serpent worship has any relation to other systems of religion; but I would here note a curious tradition in connection with a tree of the species Gorakhachincha (*Adansonia Digitata*), or the tamarind of Gorakha, which exists at the above town. Tradition ascribes this tree to be the result of a miracle performed by a saint called Gorakhanatha or Gorakshanatha. It is related that Gorakhanatha, when he came to this town, struck his walking stick into the ground on the spot where the tree stands; and that it grew into a stately tree which is now an object of popular worship. The annual festival of this tree is held on the 11th of the dark half of the month of Chaitra. Worshippers begin to come on the previous day, and leave the place on the third or the 12th of Chaitra. About 50,000 pilgrims are said to assemble every year on this occasion. A large bazaar is held for five or six days, and considerable mercantile business is transacted. The priests officiating at the shrine of this tree, have large holes bored in their ears, from which depend heavy ear-ornaments. They are hence called Kanaphates, literally persons with torn ears. All classes of people offer worship to this tree, including the followers of the Vedas, as well as others.

To resume the main subject of this paper. Besides the actual worship of living snakes at Battisasiralen, there are temples dedicated to the Serpent God in various parts of the Dekkan. Of these, the one at Bhomaparanden, in the territories of His Highness the Nizam, is one of the most celebrated.

In the south of India, Canara is a district which may be said to be sacred to serpent-worship. In the Canarese districts generally, the Nagapanchami festival is celebrated, as in the Dekkan, on the 5th of the bright half of Sravana. But in the Telanga and Tamila districts, the ceremony is performed on the fourth of the bright half of either the month of Kartika, or the month of Vaisakha, or the month of Magha, and this day is therefore called by the people of those parts "Nagalu chavati," *i. e.* the Naga chaturthi, or the chaturthi of the Nagas. There is not much difference in the mode of performing the worship. The ant-hills or hollows to which the people resort to make their offerings, and which in the Marathi districts are called Varula, are, I am informed, termed in the Canarese Hutta; in the Telangi, Putta; and in the Tamil, Putta. In the Canarese districts, stone images of the Naga are kept generally under the shade of the *peepul* tree (*Ficus Religiosi*). Metal images are also made, and after being worshipped, they are presented to the Brahmanas. This ceremony is performed by the females of higher classes. An incarnation of Sesha, one of the nine great Nagas, is worshipped at various places in these districts under the name of Subrahmanya. There is a town in South Canara, called Subrahmanya, fifty-five miles E. S. of Mangalore, (lat. 12° 40', long. 75° 40'). This is sacred to the Naga or serpent god. On the 6th day of the bright half of the month of Margasirsha (November and December), occurs its annual festival; and that day is hence called Subrahmanya Sashthi or Subrayi Sashthi. Thousands of Brahmans are feasted on this occasion. Brahmanas, bearing the order of Brahmachari, are in particular request. Lepers and persons supposed to be under the influence of evil spirits are brought to this place for cure, which popular belief ascribes to the miraculous power of the deity. People who have no issue, make a vow to this shrine, which consists in fasting on the day of the festival and rolling in the remains of food left on the dishes spread before the Brahmanas at the feast. A person, supposed to be possessed with the spirit of Subrahmanya, dances at the temple, and is believed to have the power of telling the past, the present, and the future. On the day of the festival abovementioned, one of the officiating priests puts a leather bag on one of his hands, and, with the hand thus protected, takes out three handfuls of earth from one of the holes in that locality supposed to be inhabited by serpents. This is called Mulamrittika (the original earth), and is distributed to the assembled worshippers, as a mark of the deity's favours.

A circumstance showing the practical influence of serpent-worship in worldly affairs here deserves a prominent mention. A class of Brahmanas called Haige in Canara, have, amongst their ranks, persons who arrogate to themselves the title of Nagapatri, or the proper habitat of the Naga deity. They are supposed to become possessed of the spirit of the Nagadeva, and in that state are thought to be capable of foretelling future events. People invite them to their homes, and have a feast in their honour, called the Nagamandala, or an assembly of the Nagas. The least expense for such a feast amounts to from three to five thousand rupees. Formerly, the Nagapatris were in great repute. Disputes were referred to them for settlement, and their word was generally the law. An invitation from one of the Nagapatris to a litigant was almost instantly obeyed. One of the first things a party had to do under the circumstances, was to give a feast to the Nagamandalla and spend thousands of rupees. These things began in time to be perceived by the people, and the power and influence of these priests has, I understand, considerably declined.

In the jungle in the neighbourhood of the shrine of Subrahmanya abovementioned, grows a species of cane, called after the presiding deity, *Nagaveta* or Naga-cane. A walking stick of this cane is reckoned a sufficient protection against the poison of serpents.

The above account has had reference to the Maratha and Canarese districts. In the province of Gujaratha also, the Nagapanchami festival is observed by all classes of Hindus, high and low. The serpents are drawn with black ink, either on the walls or doors of houses. The process of worship is similar to what obtains in the other provinces, except that cowdung is first offered here before incenses, flowers, &c., and at the conclusion green grass and butter are offered with the following prayer:—"Please to receive these offerings and seek your abode in the fresh and green forests."

Cups full of milk are placed in different corners of the house as offerings to living serpents, and a sight of one on this day is considered a very auspicious occurrence.

The influence of the Jains being predominant in this province, all living creatures receive greater consideration than elsewhere. The serpent gets his share along with the rest, his poisonous qualities making no difference against him in this respect. Ordinarily, a Gujarathi Hindu will not hurt a serpent, even of the most venomous class. He will employ people to catch him alive, put him into a pot, and see him safely conveyed into some jungle. I append below the substance of one of the serpent tales prevalent in Gujaratha as illustrative of the popular ideas regarding serpent-worship in that country. My friend who favoured me with the story says that it is one out of a large number repeated by the women of Gujaratha on the Nagapanchami day:—

"Once upon a time there lived a Brahmana, who, though possessed of much learning, was so poor as hardly to be able to maintain himself and his family. He had a wife who was much devoted to him. Finding no means of livelihood at the place where they resided, she urged upon him the propriety of his going out to some distant place to seek the means of subsistence. He consented to the plan and set out. The wife having no other provisions to furnish for his journey, filled a vessel with water sweetened with sugar and gave it to him. The Brahmana proceeded about for or five kosa (about eight or ten miles), and reached a forest, where under the shade of a tall, umbrageous Banyana tree, he stopped for rest and slept soundly. It was the height of the summer season, when the heat around was unbearable. While the Brahmana was fast asleep, there issued forth from the hollow of the tree, the Takshaka Naga, who drank the sweet water from the vessel lying by the Brahmana's side, and after emptying it of its contents, entered it and rested there. Meanwhile, the Brahmana awoke, and on looking into the vessel found it to contain a serpent. He closed the mouth of the vessel by means of a piece of cloth and thought of returning home with the vessel in hand. 'I shall make a present of this,' says he, 'to my wife, who is always troubling me with entreaties to go abroad to earn money. This will soon put an end to our existence, and will relieve us of the troubles and vexations of this life.' On his return home, his children thinking that he had brought some sweetmeats in the vessel, naturally enquired what it contained. 'The contents of the vessel,' said he, 'will be distributed by your mother. So saying, he went out. His wife who had gone on some household business, having returned home, the children told her the news of their father's return and showed her the vessel brought by him. On opening the vessel the mother found it to contain a necklace of diamonds, at which she felt exceeding delighted. She set about to prepare a good dinner for her husband; borrowed grain from a neighbour, and prepared the food. She sent for her husband who had gone out. The husband returned with great hesitation and reluctance. He was surprised to find the contents of the vessel transformed into precious stones. They all dined together. In the evening the wife went to effect the sale of the necklace. She offered it to the chief banker of her city, who paid her a very handsome sum of money. The banker put the necklace into his box. Soon after, it so happened that the rajah of the place, who had a wedding ceremony at his palace, wanted a diamond to complete a necklace. The banker (or the '*Nagara Seta*' as he was called) offered to supply the rajah's demand. He went home to take out the necklace with a view to show it to the rajah. On opening the box, however, he found to his extreme surprise instead of a necklace, the face of a living human child with his thumb in his mouth. The banker, who was childless, was exceedingly glad to find his wishes gratified. The king, who heard the story with astonishment was, however, glad to see the *Nagara Seta* blessed with a son. The child soon grew older. At sixteen, he was married, and his wife came to live with him. She had maiden companions in the persons of the daughters of Takshaka-Naga. On one occasion, they asked her to enquire of her husband to what race he belonged. Accordingly, when they met together the wife asked her husband to tell her to what race he belonged. 'I will not speak with you until you answer my query,' said she to her husband. The banker's son keeping this in mind, resolved to go on a pilgrimage to Benares. He obtained leave from his father and set out. Proceeding on their journey, they came by a large forest containing a fine well. Here he told his wife that he would answer her question. So saying, he descended into the well by means of a flight of steps and reached the water. Here he transformed himself into a serpent, showing his hood, &c., and disappeared. The wife who was now left alone in the desert, began to bewail her fate. Her loud lamentations drew towards her, after several days, a shepherd who used to graze his flocks in the neighbourhood. The shepherd came to her and asked her why she was crying and how she was left alone. She gave him all the particulars. The shepherd in return advised her to observe the *Vrata* of Nagapanchami and to fill, in the month of Bysakha (or Vaisakha), four *Kundas*, or pools, with sandal-wood, milk, flowers, and unguents. Having done this, she should go up a tree and sit there. If she did this, the deity presiding over the serpents will arrive there, and will drink the milk from the milk-pool. He will then roll himself into the next pool, containing *Chandana* (rubbed sandal-wood), proceed to the next, and rub his body with flowers, and partake of the unguents in the fourth pool. At last, he will bless the person who had prepared all this. At this stage, said the shepherd, 'you should alight from the tree and ask a blessing.' Accordingly, she acted up to the advice of the shepherd. When asking for a blessing, she said—'Your son has left me a widow. Deign, therefore, to relieve me of this state of misery by calling him back from the place to which he has gone.' The lord of the serpents was pleased to grant her prayer. He called her husband back from the *Patala* or the lower regions of the earth, and asked him to live with her as her husband. They afterwards lived happily together, and thus concludes the legend, by inculcating the propitiation of the Naga Devata or the serpent deity."

Having thus briefly described the Nagapanchami, I now submit a few observations on the Nagas and Sarpas, and serpent-worship generally. I must here state that there are other festivals such as the Ananta-chaturdasi, connected with serpent-worship; but they are neither so general nor so popular as this. There are likewise serpent sacrifices which will have to be carefully investigated and described. These, however, will require one or more papers to themselves, and cannot be dismissed summarily on this occasion. It is difficult to distinguish at this day between the *Nagas* and the *Sarpas*. The two words, in their religious acceptation, are now practically treated as equivalent. Sarpa is the more comprehensive term, and means, any thing that moves. Nagas are treated as a species of superior Sarpas, and Naga now specially means the most venomous serpent—the *Cobra de Capello*.

Amarasinha, the most approved Sankrit lexicographer of the post-Vedic period, in describing the *Patala* or the nether regions says that they are the *Nagaloka*, afterwards the country of the Nagas. The common names of the class *Nagas*, and *Kadraveyas* are next given by Armarasinha, who mentions the chief of the Nagas—Sesha or Ananta; immediately after him, comes Vasaki "who is named *Sarpa Raja* or the King of Serpents." In the whole of that section, there is no further mention of Nagas; but the different species of Sarpas are given in detail. In the Mahabharata, in the section named Adiparva to which an allusion has been already made (see note), the Nagas and Sarpas are promiscuously mentioned. The abode described as their abode, and the names of all the principal *Nagas* and *Sarpas*, which are now in use amongst the Hindus, are detailed without any distinction as to their origin or species.

In the third *Kanda* of the Amarakosa, Varga III. Sloka 22, the word Naga is applied to an elephant, and by one of the commentators, also to *Matanga*, or a race of mountaineers. [In common conversation, a Matanga signifies a Mangs.] This rendering is further confirmed by another Lexicon, the Medinikosa which is distinct on the point. Whether this signification has any bearing on the question now under consideration, remains to be seen. As I have previously observed, in religious practice, the Hindus make no distinction between the *Nagas* and *Sarpas* at present. The actual observance of the Nagapanchami festival shows no difference between the two classes mentioned by the lexicographer.

It is customary amongst the Hindus on this side to sing some sacred songs in the morning called Bhupalis, and offer some prayers in the evening called *Stotras*. These are in addition to the *Sandhiya* and other Vedic observances, and are mostly of Puranika origin. Amongst the latter is a prayer to the *Nagas*, which is as follows:—

Translation:—Ananta; Vasuki; Sesha; Padmanabha; and Kambala; Sankhapala; Dhritarashtra; Takshaka, and Kaliya; these, the nine names of the great Nagas, whosoever, daily repeats in the evening, (or especially in the morning,) to him there is no fear from poison. Such is the end of the prayer to the nine Nagas in the Patalakhanda.

This is repeated every day in the evening before meals. And there is a mixture of the Nagas and Sarpas herein. After meals, and before going to bed, the name of an ancient sage—*Astika*—is repeated three times, as a protective against fear from serpents whom the sage Astika saved from destruction at the hands of *Janamejaya* at the beginning of the present (or *Kali*) yuga. A *mantra* (or sacred verse) founded upon this story is said to be used for charming away serpent poison. But, this alleged *mantra* is nowhere found in a work of repute to my knowledge. The story of *Astika* is suggestive of curious reflections. *Astika* signifies a believer in the existence and providence of God, and his intercession to save serpents who had forfeited their lives and brought about their fall through their own deceitful conduct is a very remarkable event.

The *serpent*, either as a Sarpa or a Naga thus enters intimately into the economy of a Hindu's daily life. He is treated as a *Devja* or a twice born, and sometimes gets the honors of a funeral, just like a human being. It is well known, how anxious a Hindu is to have a male heir to perform his funeral obsequies and inherit his name and fortune. To beget a son is reckoned a religious duty, and a Brahmana is enjoined to discharge it and thus free himself from the debt he owns to his progenitors. When the natural means fail or threaten to fail, the supernatural powers are invoked. A solemn sacrifice named, Narayen-Nagabali [or the sacrifice to the Narayana-naga] is performed in order to secure progeny. People generally repair to some *tirtha* or sacred place, and the serpent sacrifice is there made to propitiate the deities. It will occupy a paper by itself to describe the whole of this rite. The fact, however, that it is performed is sufficient for my present purpose, as showing the ramifications of serpent-worship in this country. This right is performed in honour of the *Sarpadevata's*, not the snakes we see, but to some spiritual beings of a higher order in whose existence the Hindus are taught to believe. It seems that this sacrifice is sanctioned by Vedic ritual, and this leads me to a short examination of serpent-worship, and the *Sarpas* and *Nagas*, as mentioned in the Vedas. As far as my researches have yet extended, the earth is addressed as the Sarpa-rajni (*i. e.* the queen of the serpents or the queen of all that moves). The prayer occurs in the 8th Ashtaka of the Rig-veda, and has more relation with the sun than with the ser

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